Assistance for setting up of jails

2261. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALASAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether any assistance financial aid is being given by the Central Government to the States in setting up new jail, particularly model jails, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE iDEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): Under the award of tbe Eighth Finance Commission, Government, have provided an amount of Rs. 135.56 crores for the upgradation of standard of jail administration for the period 198J—89 for 16 States. Out of this an amaunt of Rs. 67.97 crores ha« been provided for the construction of sub-jails (except in Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh. Kerala, Sikkim and Tripura). An amount of Rs. 33.89 crores representing 25 per cent of the amount has been released eo the States in 1985-86 on account basis. This amount pertains t° all the schemes for the jail sector and not merely to the construction of sub-jails.

Disputes between the F.C.I, and the Foodgrains procuring agencies of Punjab Government

2262. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether jt is a fact that the various agencies of Punjab Government procure foodgrains for the Food Corporation of India (FCI) but the latter does not tak« possession of the same for a long time;

(b) if so. what is the nature of disputes that have often arisen between the FCI and Punjab Government agencies during the last two years; and

(c) what considerations led to the abolition of the Joint Committee comprising FCT and State Organisations for the formulation of plans fo. movement of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Procurement of foodgrains in Punjab is also done by State agencies on behalf of the FECI. The take-over of foodgrains by the F.C.I, from the State agencies js a continuous process.

(b) Operational matters requiring mut ual consultation may arise from time to time.

(c) Plans for the movement of foodgrains are formulated by the FCI at meetings in which representatives of the Punjab Government and its agencies also participate

Freedom of information

2263. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR; SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN;

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) the names of countries where citi zens enjoy freedom of information;

(b) whether India has ratified the In ternational Convention on Civil and Poli tical Rights; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to grant freedom of information in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Foreign funds

2264. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report appearing in the *Hindustan Times* of 26th May,

1986 te the effect that foreign funds received by about 7000 to 10000 organisations have increased from about R/5. 2091 millions in 1981 to Rs. 2337 millions in 1983 and that some organisations were using these foreign funds for activity of Tribal, Separatists^ Religious Fundamentalists and also of Naxalites;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard; end

(c) what action has been taken in this regard and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The receipt of foreign contribution reported by the organisations during the years 1981 to 1983 is as under:—

Year	No. of recipient organisa-tions	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1981 . . .	3278	230·46
1982 . . .	3398	233·78
1983 . . .	3386	264·22

There is no specific information to substantiate the correlation of foreign funds with the activities of tribal separatists, religious fundamentalists and Nexa-lites.

(c) Activities of the organisations receiving foreign contribution are being closely monitored and actoin under the provisions of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act is taken against the recalcitrant organisations.

Filing of annual returns of property *by* the Ministers

2265. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

/(a) whether each Centrial Minister *it* required to file to the Prime Minister and each Minister in the States to the Chief Minister, the annual returns of his property and other assets; and

(b) if so, since when this is being dont and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) A code of conduct for Ministeis (both Central and States) was evolved by Government in 1964. Under this Codej the Ministers of the Government ot India are required to submit to the Prime Minister on their assumption *ot* office and annually thereafter by the 31st March, a declaration of their assets and liabilities. The Ministers of the State Government are also required to submit to their Chief Ministers a similar declaration.

Loss suffered by food Corporation ot India

2266. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the loss suffered by the Food Corporation of India under various heads in-each of the last three years and 'he current year;

(b) whether any Internal Committer was appointed to look into the working of the Food Corporation of India; and

(c) if so, what are the observations and suggestions made by the committee and action taken by Government thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THB MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA); (a)'The losses of foodgrains are accounted under two headg namely (i) storage and (if) transit including voyage. The losses incurred